Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 13760 240536Z

17/14
ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 DRC-01 /126 W
---------- 060669
R 240500Z OCT 73
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7668

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 13760

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, JA
SUBJECT: ELIGIBLE VOTERS - JAPAN

1. HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY ANNOUNCED SATURDAY THAT ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN JAPAN TOTALLED 74,996,669 AS OF SEPTEMBER 10. STATISTICS WERE COMPILED IN OFFICIAL SURVEY IN PREPARATION FOR 1974 UPPER HOUSE ELECTION. OF THESE, 35,292,947 ARE MALE AND 38,703,752 ARE FEMALE.

2. SURVEY RESULTS DISCLOSED INCREASING DISPARITY BETWEEN NUMBER OF VOTERS PER ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE IN URBAN AS COMPARED TO RURAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS. FOR EXAMPLE, AMONG UPPER HOUSE LOCAL CONSTITUENCIES HIGHLY URBANIZED KANAGAWA PREFECTURE HAS HIGHEST RATIO OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PER SEAT (2,066,435) COMPARED TO LOWEST IN RURAL TOTTORI PREFECTURE (406,235.) THUS ONE VOTE IN TOTTORI IS WORTH MORE THAN FIVE IN KANAGAWA.

3. SIMILAR DISPARITY MAY BE SEEN IN LOWER HOUSE CONSTITUENCIES, AMONG WHICH URBAN OSAKA THIRD DISTRICT HAS HIGHEST RATIO OF VOTERS PER SEAT (408,932) COMPARED TO RURAL HYOGO FIFTH DISTRICT (79,610.)

4. COMMENT: PRESENT APPORTIONMENT OF DIET SEATS HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED SINCE SYSTEM ADOPTED IN 1950 DESPITE LARGE-SCALE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 13760 240536Z

POPULATION SHIFTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN INTERIM. PRIMIN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

KAKUEI TANAKA SOUGHT TO DISPOSE OF PROBLEM UNDER
ABORTIVE ELECTORAL REFORM LAST SPRING BY PROPOSING LIMITED
INCREASE IN SEATS IN URBAN DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, MAGNITUDE OF
DISPARITY SUGGESTS THAT ELECTORAL REFOR, IF IT IS TO SECURE
WIDE-SPREAD POPULAR SUPPORT, WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS ITSELF MORE
ADEQUATELY TO THIS PROBLEM. END COMMENT.
INGERSOLL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973TOKYO13760
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731013/aaaaajnt.tel
Line Count: 68
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 NOV 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Nov-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <18-Dec-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ELIGIBLE VOTERS - JAPAN
TAGS: PINT, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005